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Army Corps of Engineers to re-look former military site at Philadelphia's Arsenal Business Center

Baltimore - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, announced today that in cooperation with the Hankin Management Group, owners of the Arsenal Business Center in Philadelphia, Pa., it will conduct radiological surveys of several buildings in the business center as part of a limited site re-evaluation to ensure the property meets current environmental standards.

From 1816 to 1976, the Arsenal Business Center, formerly the Frankford Arsenal, was used by the Army to conduct various military activities, including fabrication and repair of artillery and infantry equipment; the proving and testing of musket and rifle powder; and the general storage and distribution of small arms and ammunition, artillery and cavalry equipment. Some of these activities involved the use of radioactive materials.

In 1977, the site was declared excess and the Army cleaned up the property in accordance with regulatory standards in effect at that time. The site was released for unrestricted use according to these regulatory standards and the property was transferred to General Services Administration. Hankin Management Group acquired the property and converted it into the Arsenal Business Center soon thereafter.

Concurrent with the radiological survey, the Corps will also conduct a geophysical investigation of portions of the site to determine if any buried military ordnance still exist from past activities. Survey data will be analyzed by the Corps to determine if any further action is required. Both the radiological survey and the ordnance investigation will take several months to complete.

The Army is the Executive Agent for cleanup of Formerly Used Defense Sites, and the Corps is responsible for carrying out the cleanup program.

This investigation will be closely coordinated with Hankin Management Group who will be providing information on these activities to its business community.

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